

HOUSE BILL No. 1622

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-11-4-3.

Synopsis: Soil and water conservation district examinations. Specifies audit fees charged by the state board of accounts.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-11-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.291-2001,
2 SECTION 168, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) The expense of examination
4 and investigation of accounts shall be paid by each municipality or
5 entity as provided in this chapter.
6 (b) The state examiner shall not certify more often than monthly to
7 the auditor of each county the amount chargeable to each taxing unit
8 within the county for the expense of its examinations as provided in
9 this chapter. Immediately upon receipt of the certified statement, the
10 county auditor shall issue a warrant on the county treasurer payable to
11 the treasurer of state out of the general fund of the county for the
12 amount stated in the certificate. The county auditor shall reimburse the
13 county general fund, except for the expense of examination and
14 investigation of county offices, out of the money due the taxing units
15 at the next semiannual settlement of the collection of taxes.
16 (c) If the county to which a claim is made is not in possession or has
17 not collected the funds due or to be due to any examined municipality,



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then the certificate must be filed with and the warrant shall be drawn by the officer of the municipality having authority to draw warrants upon its funds. The municipality shall pay the warrant immediately. The money, when received by the treasurer of state, shall be deposited in the state general fund.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each:

(1) taxing unit; **and**

(2) **soil and water conservation district;**

shall be charged at the rate of forty-five dollars (\$45) per day for each field examiner, private examiner, expert, or employee of the state board of accounts who is engaged in making examinations or investigations. Except as provided in subsection (h), all **other** entities shall be charged the actual cost of performing the examination or investigation.

(e) The state examiner shall certify, not more often than monthly, to the proper disbursing officer the total amount of expense incurred for the examination of:

(1) any unit of state government or entity that is required by law to bear the costs of its own examination and operating expense; or

(2) any utility owned or operated by any municipality or any department of the municipality, if the utility is operated from revenues or receipts other than taxation.

Upon receipt of the state examiner's certificate the unit of state government, entity, or utility shall immediately pay to the treasurer of state the amount charged. The money, when received by the treasurer of state, shall be deposited in the state general fund.

(f) In addition to other charges provided in this chapter, the state examiner may charge a reasonable fee for typing and processing reports of examination in the same manner as other charges are made under this chapter.

(g) There is created a trust and agency fund in the hands of the state examiner to be used by him for the payment of the expense of typing reports of examination. Fees charged for typing reports of examination shall be deposited into the trust and agency fund.

(h) A municipality that contracts for services with a volunteer fire department may pay the cost of an examination or investigation of the volunteer fire department under this chapter.

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